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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY; USUN ALSO FOR AMB SCOTT

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SUMMARY: FONMIN SOARES BRIEFED 20 FRIENDLY CHIEFS OF MISSIONS ON WALDHEIM AUGUST 4 COMMUNIQUE. SAID THAT GOP MIGHT RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU IMMEDIATELY AND REMOVE TROOPS; WILL TREAT CAPE VERDE SEPARATELY; WISHES TO GET FRELIMO INTO COALITION GOVERNMENT AND HOLD ELECTIONS FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY; AND HOPES TO NEGOTIATE WITH REBELS IN ANGOLA. END SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES CALLED IN GROUP OF TWENTY "FRIENDLY" CHIEFS OF MISSION ALL FROM WESTERN GOVERNMENTS THAT HAD NOT RECOGNIZED GUINEA-BISSAU ON AUGUST 5 FOR BRIEFING ON WALDHEIM AUGUST 4 COMMUNIQUE ON PORTUGAL.

2. GUINEA-BISSAU (G-B) - SOARES SAID GOP WAS ATTEMPTING TO GET NEGOTIATIONS MOVING ON MODALITIES OF TRANSFER OF POWER TO PAIGC. PAIGC HAD CALLED FOR TALKS IN STOCKHOLM, THEN ALGIERS, AND FINALLY SAID WAIT UNTIL AFTER WALDHEIM VISIT. GOP WAS AGREEABLE, BUT IS STILL WAITING FOR PAIGC WORD. SOARES SAID GOP COULD RECOGNIZE INDEPENDENCE UNILATERALLY , BUT THIS WOULD LOGICALLY CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE TROOP WITHDRAWAL, WHICH MIGHT NOT BE IN INTERESTS OF PAIGC.
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GOP IS PREPARED TO SPONSOR G-B ADMISSION TO UN IF G-B SO REQUESTS. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION FROM THE NORWEGIAN, SOARES SAID MILDLY THAT PORTUGAL WOULD PREFER THAT OTHER COUNTRIES GIVE PORTUGAL A CHANCE TO RECOGNIZE G-B FIRST. SOARES PROMISED ADVANCE NOTICE TO THOSE PRESENT BEFORE GOP ANNOUNCED RECOGNITION OF G-B.

3. CAPE VERDE (CV) - SOARES SAID CV MUST BE TREATED

SEPARATELY BECAUSE (A) PEOPLE THERE ARE DIFFERENT CULTURALLY FROM G-B, (B) HE DOUBTS THAT THEY SEEK LINKS WITH G-B, AND (C) UN RESOLUTIONS DIFFERENTIATE CV AND G-B. PEOPLE OF CV MUST DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE.

4. MOZAMBIQUE - FRELIMO WANTS IMMEDIATE POWER, BUT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE SINCE IN SOME AREAS FRELIMO NOT YET ACCEPTED. GOP IS LOOKING FOR A CEASEFIRE, AND HAS SOUGHT THE GOLD OFFICES OF UK, VATICAN, AND ZAMBIA. GOP HOPES TO GET FRELIMO INTO COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH PORTUGUESE AND HAVE ELECTIONS IN ONE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

5. ANGOLA - SITUATION IS VERY DIFFERENT BECAUSE OF NUMBER OF LIBERATION GROUPS, BUT GOP HAD HAD SOME CONTACTS WITH GROUPS AND HOPES TO GET NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY.

6. PRINCIPE-SAO TOME - SOARES SAID PEOPLE OF THESE ISLANDS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE.

7. COMMENT: SOARES COMMENT ON UNILATERAL RECOGNITION OF G-B FOLLOWED BY TROOP WITHDRAWAL MAY BE A THREAT DESIGNED TO MOVE PAIGC TO NEGOTIATING TABLE. AT LEAST SOME OBSERVERS ARE CONVINCED THAT PAIGC CANNOT CONSOLIDATE POWER WITHOUT PRESENCE OF PORTUGUESE ARMY TO DISSUADE DISSIDENT GROUPS FROM MOVING AGAINST PAIGC DURING TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY.
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